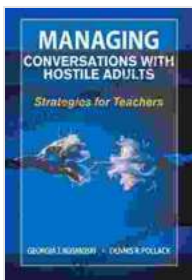


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## 1. Stay Calm and Professional

It's important to stay calm and professional, even when the other person is being hostile. This will help you to maintain control of the conversation and avoid escalating the situation. Take deep breaths and focus on speaking in a calm and respectful tone.

## 2. Listen to Understand

Before you can respond, it's important to listen to the other person and try to understand their perspective. This doesn't mean that you agree with them, but it does mean that you're trying to see things from their point of view. Once you understand their perspective, you can start to address their concerns.

### **3. Use "I" Statements**

When you're responding to a hostile person, it's important to use "I" statements. This will help you to take ownership of your feelings and avoid blaming the other person. For example, instead of saying "You're being rude," you could say "I feel disrespected when you speak to me that way."

### **4. Set Boundaries**

It's important to set boundaries with hostile people. This means letting them know what behavior is acceptable and what is not. For example, you could say "I'm not going to continue this conversation if you're going to be disrespectful." If the other person continues to be hostile, you may need to end the conversation.

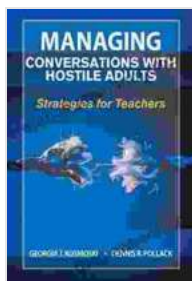
### **5. Seek Support**

If you're struggling to manage a conversation with a hostile adult, don't be afraid to seek support. Talk to your principal, a colleague, or a mental health professional. They can provide you with support and guidance.

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## Additional Tips

- Be prepared for the conversation. Gather your facts and think about what you want to say.
- Choose a time and place for the conversation where you will not be interrupted.
- Start the conversation by expressing your concern and willingness to listen.
- Be respectful of the other person's opinion, even if you don't agree with it.
- Avoid using accusatory language.
- Focus on finding a solution that works for both of you.
- End the conversation on a positive note.



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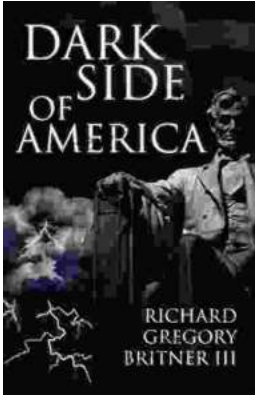
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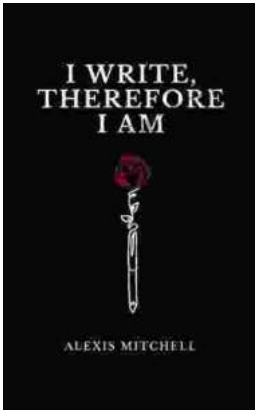
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